

small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing,
said apparatus comprising:

means for selecting one printing mode from a first mode in which the
printing head is caused to perform only the large ejection, a second printing mode in which
the printing head is caused to perform only the small ejection, and a third printing mode in
which the printing head is caused to perform both the large ejection and the small ejection,
to perform printing in the selected printing mode.

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48. An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim ¹47, wherein the
printing head has a plurality of ejection openings, and the ejection opening used for the
large ejection and the ejection opening used for the small ejection differ from each other.

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49. (Amended) An ink jet printing method using a printing head, which
can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected and small
ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said
method comprising the step of:

selecting one printing mode from a first mode in which the printing head is
caused to perform only the large ejection, a second printing mode in which the printing
head is caused to perform only the small ejection, and a third printing mode in which the
printing head is caused to perform both the large ejection and the small ejection, to perform
printing in the selected printing mode.